

The enthusiasm of the people North of this, is getting up fast. Maryland is beginning to be agitated, and the omens are certainly favorable. Gentlemen who were bitterly opposed to the nomination of Gen'l Scott, and declared when it was made, they would not support it, are now stumping it in his behalf. On Saturday last they had a mass Meeting at Frederick, which Dawson of Georgia, (who was there as a speaker) told me was very enthusiastic. He says the ticket is growing in favor every hour. He declared, if he had to vote now for the nomination, he would vote for Scott ten times over, in preference to Webster. From Georgia we have cheering accounts. The contest will be a warm one in that State, and Dawson thinks we shall carry it, Toombs and Stephens to the contrary notwithstanding. The impression now is, both those gentlemen will stand aloof. We learn that the differences in Florida are healed, or fast being so, and, altho' the vote is small, I have every hope she too, will wheel into line.

You'll observe by the papers that Gov. Seward on Saturday last, defended the Administration against the assaults of Soulé & others about the Fisheries. This may seem curious to some, but to the knowing ones it is as plain as the sun at noon on a clear day. There is no doubt of a union of all the Whigs in New York, and Seward's course is an evidence thereof. The Whigs united in New York, will insure the State. Pennsylvania & Ohio are no longer thought to be debateable. They are both conceded to the Whigs.

You must take care of the Whigs about Wilmington. I saw Dr. Derazett<sup>118</sup> last week, he is disposed to bolt, and he says many Whigs are determined not to support the ticket. Why will they not follow the example of our opponents and yield their prejudices and preferences for the interest of the party?

When I commenced, I did not intend to tax your patience with more than a few lines, requesting you to write to Mr. Gales, but I find I have covered a sheet of paper, altho' I have a miserable pen, & Morton has none other. I am writing at his table, and he desires me to present you his sincere regards.

Truly yours,

Hereafter, I promise to be brief when I may have occasion to write you.

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<sup>118</sup> deRosset.